

NOTE FOR RECORD: Original 1-7
6/15/50, fwd OSO for
dispatch where it was discovered that
OSO had rec'd similar ltr from Willoughby.
Therefore, OSO rewrote ltr to cover reply
for 25 May ltr rec'd in OSO, & 26 May
ltr rec'd in O/DCI.

Major General C. A. Willoughby
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters
Far East Command
APO 500, 5 Postmaster
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

This will acknowledge your letters of 25 and 26 May and the copies
of Volume I, II, and III of ATIS Publications. I note that additional
volumes will be distributed as completed.

I should like to take this opportunity to state that the ATIS re-
ports are of great value to the national intelligence picture, and that
extensive use is being made of them within this Agency. Not only are
they examined immediately upon receipt by Analysts concerned with their
individual subject matter, but their contents are kept continually avail-
able for researchers by means of a unique machine card indexing and filing
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me,

Sincerely,

DSO

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26 May ltr)

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signed - dip via So
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